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Goudy was sixty-five years of age

and highly respected. The funeral will

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THE DAYS OF DAYS

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A VERY "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

Business Was Never Before So Good With the Wheeling Merchants, as It Has Been This Holiday Season. Musical Services at the Churches Yesterday-A Suspension of Business To-day in Wheeling.

Christmas Day is here on schedule time, and ere this his high and mighty excellency, old Santa Claus, (at least according to tradition in certain cir cles), will have made his rounds through this portion of his realm and changed the expectation and anticipation of eleven months into the realiza tion and enjoyment that do not lose their fine edge for at least a week

Saturday night closed the holiday buying season, and the Wheeling merchants unite in saying that all previous 'good year" records have been smashed into smithereens. One well known retailer said last year had been a record breaker with him, but this season's sales of holiday goods had exceeded it by 40 per cent. Another said his sales had increased 33 per cent. Others said they hadn't had time even to keep books, but were sure this was the best season of holiday buying they had ever experienced.

Yesterday, Christmas Sunday, the occasion of services appropriate to the holiday. Music was the feature everywhere, the choirs making their supreme effort of the entire year. At the Fourth Street M. E., First Presbyterian, St. Joseph's Cathedral, St. Luke's and St. Matthew's P. E., Becand Presbyterian and Thomson M. E. ond Prespyterian and Thomson at E. churches, the music was the predomi-nant feature. At all of the churches the congregations were very large. To-day business will be suspended in

all the industrial plants, freight depots, public buildings, banks, wholesale establishments, and in nearly all of the retail stores. There will be Christmas entertainments galore much dancing. more theatre going, and, more than all else, home entertaining. At the postoffice, holiday hours will be observed, as announced last week by Postmaster The express offices will be open for the delivery of Christmas packages. Both the postoffice and the several exincoming packages, while the rush on outgoing matter continued until Satur day night.

The only athletic event is the football game on the Island, for the benefit of the Doddridge sword fund. The young men in charge have sold a number of tickets, and they will do well to see to it that the proceeds are not di-verted to any purpose other than the one they used with such good effect in disposing of the tickets. This much is due to the people who purchased tick-

ets.

Until Sunday afternoon it was generally feared there would be a green Christmas, but shortly after 3 o'clock the snow began falling lightly, and continued about an hour, covering the ground to the depth of nearly an Inch. Later in the afternoon the temperature fell decidedly, and very soon the side-walks were smooth as giass, inducing people to take to the streets for safety. walks were smooth as glass, inducing people to take to the streets for safety. Early this morning the thermometer is doing the sliding-scale act, and the weather bureau predicts more snow to-day—a combination that insures weather of the good old-fashioned kind.

A CHRISTMAS SERMON

"The Influence of Christ's Birth" the Topic of the Sunday Morning Discourse by Rev. C. M. Oliphant, of the First Christian Church.

"The Influence of Christ's Birth" was the theme of Rev. C. M. Oliphant's sermon at the First Christian church yesterday morning. The discourse was an instructive one and detailed the chief influences on the world, generally and specifically, that followed the birth of the Savior at Bethlehem

ing the surroundings and circumstances under which Christ was born. He told of the shepherds and the signs they read in the sky, and the visit of the three wise men with precious gifts and said it was quite natural and harmonious with the occasion that celes tial beings should have heralded the coming of the Son of God.

In speaking of the influence on man

kind, the speaker first noted its effect on childhood. "Little children are glad in Christmas time," he sald. "Hoy they have looked forward to its pretty surprises! How they delight to make childish sacrifices to bring gladness to those they love and to those with none to love." Along the line of the joy Christmas inspires in the children, Rev. Mr. Oliphant spoke effectively.

He next spoke of the influence Christ has had on the home, and pointed out the fact that such homes were no-where but in the lands that knew Christ. The example was shown the future in the humble home of Naza reth. "where He was subject to His parents until He was about thirty years old."

The influence on the poor and helpless was next spoken of, and it said that since the star of Bethlehem arose the poor have not been without hope and the day will yet come when the glad song of the angels will become their heritage.

The lessons taught by the Messiah had a great influence in moiding social customs. It is the initial force, said the speaker, and all other good things are but resultants. Rev. Mr. Oliphant went on to show the blessings of Christianity and what an ideal world this would be if Christ's teachings were carried out more generally and closely. Christian doctrine had assassinated caste; abolished slavery; elevated the position of woman; inspired a reverence for human government; it taught

true humanity.
The spirit of Christ's life was more Wheeling, W. Va. phant in concluding. Christ had given

the world hope and all who had found Him could gaze into the future as ce tain as if they had touched it.

MUSIC THE FEATURE

At the German M. E. Church Services Yesterday.

The German Methodist Episcopal church congregation is rich in musical talent through the families of the Metz Schultzes, Melnharts, Bocks Voelkers, Bergners, Merschrods, and many others. Mr. Albert Metzner, as organist and director of the choir, is the very successful guiding spirit in this department of church work. One of the leading cultured voices of this excel-lent choir was hushed in death February S. 1899, Miss Hulda Metzner, daugh ter of Mr. Ernest Metzner.

The musical preparations for yester-

The musical preparations for yester-day's Christmas services were on a very elaborate scale. The "Glory to God" before the sermon in the morning thrilled every heart of the large congregation present. As the volume of the sweet, perfect harmony floated over the audience, one felt that the angels were not far off.

From 7 to 7:30 p. m., the Epworth League enjoyed a musical treat led by Mr. William Schulz and the Misses Edma Stephan and Bessie Voelker. There was a very appreciative audience present to enjoy this special service. Rev. August Wincher assisted the pastor, Rev. L. Allinger, in the introductory services. Besides the congregational singing the choir rendered four numbers, viz., "Nazareth," "Hark. What Heavenly Music," "Rejoice All Nations," and "Abide With Me," a duett, by the Misses Kate Meinhart and Bessie Stromberg, One is seldom privileged to listen to such a perfect blending of voices, and such exact technique of expressions in rendering the lowest and highest notes.

At the Cathedral.

Christmas Day services at St. Joseph's Cathedral to-day includes low masses at 5 and 6 a. m., children's mass at 9 a. m., and Pontifical high mass at 10:30 a. m., with the Papal blessing at tion of Prof. J. Sebastian Rafferty, will render a special and elaborate programme of sacred music.

THE SWORD FUND.

To the Public: "
We endorse the initiative action taken by the Wheeling Intelligencer both in inviting Admiral Dewey to take part in the ceremonies attending the setting of the Fort Henry commemorative tablet and in proposing the radiating of a fund by popular subscription for the purpose of purchasing a suitable sword to be presented to Lieut. John S. Doddridge, U. S. N., in recognition of his services contributory to the great victory won by Admiral Dewey in Manila Hay.

We suggest that the Intelligencer proceed at once to receive subscriptions to the Doddridge Sword Fund, to the amount of 500, same to be expended by the Fort Henry Tablet Committee in purchasing the sword to be presented to Lieut. Doddridge, in connection with the Fort Henry ceremonics, February 22, 1800.

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Members of Fort Henry Tablet Committee. We endorse the initiative action taken by

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10. H. Hennig. 1 00 J. K. Hall. made the sale. The road was built by the ex-senator, who was the chief owner of the property, as well as of the ex-tensive coal interests of the Monongah Coal Co., which retains the coal interests, which include over 20,000 acres of oal lands located in the Fairmont and Monongah districts of West Virginia. The effect of this deal is to turn over to the Baltimore & Ohio railroad the tranportation business in this territory and to divorce this interest from the

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OFFICERS OF THE CHARLESTON

Relieved From Responsibility for the

Disaster to the Vessel.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24 .- Ad-

miral Watson has cabled the navy de-partment the results of the court of

inquiry into the causes of the wreck of

the United States cruiser Charleston, on an uncharted reef off the northern

coast of Luzon, some time ago. The information contained in the dispatch

agrees with that given in the Associa-

ted Press dispatches, and relieves the

officers of the ship from responsibility

for the disaster. The findings of the

court will render unnecessary any

ourt-martial proceedings by the de-

always leaves the lungs

weak. Weak lungs are

breeding grounds for the

germs that cause consump-

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often follows pneumonia.

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business of coal mining.

Ex-Senator Camden was one of the ploneers in bringing into prominence the coal mining possibilities of West Virginia, and was the moving spirit in building the West Virginia & Pittsburgh railroad, which has also taken over by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. The West Virginia and Pittsburgh and the Monongahela Railroads were both feeders of the Baltimore & Ohio before becoming parts of the system.

In carrying out the deal for the Monongahela Valley railroad, ex-Senator Gorman and ex-Governor A. B. Fleming, of West Virginia, who were also interested, and J. E. Sands and J. A. Fickinger, officers of the railroad, were in conference with ex-Senator Camden

The railroad runs Clarksburg, and unites the line of the Baitimore & Ohio system running to St. Louis with the line running to Chicago. It is built along the face of the nine foot Pittsburgh coal vein, and through its connections at either end secures exceptional facilities for reaching the markets of the east and the west. The product of this field is a bituminous steaming and gas coal, and already there are twenty mines opened. The most modern methods are employed in this field, and the use of electrically driven machinery is a feature, owing to the recent date of the installation of the

When the strike in the Pittsburgh coal district several years ago forced a number of leading markets to look to other fields for coal this district attracted attention, and the coal then taken in an emergency created a permanent demand from these products, which resulted in the opening of a umber of new mines.

The Monongah Company is the proprictory company, and leases lands to the various coal mining companies. This year the output will be about 2,000,000 tons, and this amount would have been much larger had it not been for the scarcity of cars, which limited the movement. Next year the output will be about 5,000,000 tons, and is expected to be further increased by new mines to 10,000,000 tons a year. At this rate, such is the compact and unbroken character of the field, the next half of a century, it is figured, would not exhaust its resources.

The production of coke is also com-

ing into prominence in this district and further development in this connection is expected. In a general way the valley of the Monongahela in which the coal field lies, is a rich agricultural and grazing section.

BARGAINS to-day at DILLON, HANCHER & CO.'S.

WATER rents are now due and un-less paid by December 30 you will lose the 10 per cent discount-

Society.

WILLIAM GOUDY THE VICTIM. The mind-reader has no remarkable brain;
He's not gifted with wisdom galore;
He merely believes things will happen again
Because they have happened before.
—Chicago Record.

Overcome and Fell Headlong Into A unique marriage ceremony was the Grate Fire, and That as a Reperformed at the West Liberty M. E. sult the House Was Set on Fire. church last night. It wasn't the cere-mony that was unique; it was the circumstances surrounding it. It occured in lieu of the regular Sunday even-At 3:30 vesterday morning fire broke ing programme by the Epworth league and was a surprise in the fullest sense oue in the frame dwelling house owned by William Goudy, on Pike street, in to all but the wedding party. The bride Bridgeport. The house was a one-story was Miss Lillian B. Dunlap, assistant frame building, and when the fire was postmistress at West Liberty, and one discovered it was nearly destroyed. When the alarm was turned in the of the vice presidents of the Epworth League. It was her duty to select last neighbors hurried to the spot and the night's programme, and being a yo lady that possesses a keen apprecia-Island hose company went over, but nothing could be done to save the tion of humor, she planned the novel building, and the attentions of all were programme of a wedding, in which the directed to the adjoining property. The other principal was Mr. Frank M. William Goudy was the only member of the family at home, and it was re-

other principal was air. Frank al.
King, son of Rev. Spencer King, of the
Island, and a popular employe of the
Wheeling Railway Company.
The little church on the hill held the
usual attendance of villagers and
Normal school students, and nothing
out of the ordinary was expected. The
congregation's surprise may be imaginported he was seen going home about 10 o'clock Enturday night, but not in an intoxicated condition, as one of the Sunday papers stated. A gentleman congregation a surprise may be imagin-ed when the pastor, Rev. G. U. Bal-sley and the wedding party arose and took their stations for the ceremony. The attendants were Misses Maude Curtis, of West Liberty, and Mr. Charles A. Brafford, of this city. The who saw him homeward bound said to an Intelligencer representative last evening that Goudy was not under the Friday night he was attacked with happy couple received the congratula-tions of their friends and many sincere heart trouble, and it is generally wishes for their future happiness. They will reside in West Liberty. thought that Goudy, after retiring, got

up to stir the fire and was attacked Mr. and Mrs. Riccardo Ricci left Sat-urday evening for New York City to take in Christmas week's performances of grand opera. They will resume teaching, Tuesday, January 2. by the old trouble and fell headlong

At the eighth set of concerts by the At the eighth set of concerts by the Pittsburgh Orchestra Victor Herbert, conductor, to be given Friday evening, December 29, and Saturday afternoon, December 30, Clarence Eddy, the leading native-born American organist, will be the soloist. Mr. Eddy is most distinguished and has a reputation in Europe beyond that of any other American performer—he has played at the Trocadero, Paris, and at Intervals in the leading musical capitals in Europe the Trocadero, Paris, and at Intervals in the leading musical capitals in Europe. This will be the first time that any visiting organist of distinction has played upon the organ in Carnegle Music Hall since it was dedicated over four years ago. Mr. Eddy will play in conjunction with the orchestra the great organ concert by Rossl, one of the first of living Italian composers and players, and as solo numbers he will play the "L'Angelus," by Starmer, and the concert overture in E flat by Faulkes.

River railway, which runs along the Faulkes.

Mr. Herbert's programme includes the 'Scotch' symphony by Mendelssohn, an ever-popular work; the melodies of the Scotch Highlands are introduced in the most effective manner. The list is full of interesting numbers. The best choice of seats remain for the afternoon at 190, 75c and \$1, at Mellor's, 319 Fifth burg, by the Baltimore & Ohio Rail-road Company. The Baltimore Sup

Possession of the new property will pass in April next. The road is said to The programme in full is as follows: have cost \$2,600,000 ten years ago and the price paid is reported to have been Ex-Senator Johnson N. Camden and

The lady managers of the King's Daughters' Day Nursery will give the Daugnters Day Nursery will give the children at this institution a Christ-mas treat on Wednesday afternoon. All friends of the home are invited to be present. Among the gifts received on Saturday was a check from Osiris Temple of the Ancient Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The Christ-mas tree to be displayed at the treat is a gift from Mrs. Julius Resch, of Gormania, this state.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE

Caused by the Amalfi Horror-Number of Victims May Reach Scores. Ten Tourists Identified — Fear That Some May Have Been Buried Alive.

LONDON, Dec. 24.-Dispatches from ome to-night say that the rescuers already have the names of ten tourists, including two young English women, who lost their lives in the disaster at Amalfi, on the Gulf of Salferino. It is certain the loss of life will reach into the scores.

The accident was one of the most rearkable of the century. The huge rock upon which rested the monastery, hotels and other buildings, a rock so large that only the hollow of it was built upon, and which seemed to be as solid and as permanent as the eternal hills, gaye way without the slightest warning, and plunged down more than 200 feet into the sea.
The monks who selected the site for

the monastery centuries ago believed that it would last for all time. The lower part of the town had been swal-

lower part of the fown and been swal-lowed up by the sea.

While only ten are known to be dead,
It is very likely that the number of lives lost is much greater. The season is at its height in Amain, and the ho-tels are filled with tourists. It is sup-posed that the disaster was due to the recent heavy rains. The foundations of the rock have no doubt been grow-ing, weaker and weaker for centuries. ing weaker and weaker for centuries, yet there was no outward sign. It is supposed that the water filtered in behind the cliff upon which the rock

The catastrophe occurred at 2 p. m. yesterday. Guests of the hotel had finished luncheon. Many of them were out of doors, looking upon the smiling waters of beautiful Salferino bay stretched at their feet.

There was a slight disturbance of the earth, a little tremor that did no more

There was a slight disturbance of the carth, a little tremor that did no more than arouse a languid curiosity. In a moment the rock began to move. The rock poised on the brink for an instant, and then, with a tremendous roar the huge avalanche, with the buildings, plunged into the sea.

As it thundered downward, carrying with it the old Cappucccini Hotel that was once a monastery, the newer monastery below and the Hotel Santa Calerino, so swift was the descent that few persons had opportunity to escape. The great mass descended upon coasting vessels anchored in the harbor. Four were crushed to the bottom of the sea, and lie buried there, with no vestige of their existence above the surface. They were deep under the wreckinge. Others were wrecked by the waves made by the falling mass.

Telegrams from Naples say that it is impossible to ascertain the loss at this time either in life or property. It is believed that many people are buried in the ruins, and some may still be alive.

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All Day Christmas.

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MR. WHITE'S RECORD

On Union Labor in Relation to the Printing Business-He Makes a Clear Statement of His Position and Refutes Some Democratic Slanders.

Mountain Echo, (Keyser, W. Va.); Hon. A. B. White was the founder of the Daily State Journal, of Parkersburg, and editorially conducted the same for sixteen years. He bought it as a weekly paper in 1881 and had been a newspaper editor and publisher for twenty-one years, when he retired from the business in July last. He was a successful newspaper man and a large employer of labor for years. Mr. White has recently given his friends to understand that he is a

candidate for the Republican nominacandidate for the Republican nomination for governor. Having been a friend of his for many years and having heard Mr. White accused by Democrats of having been opposed to a labor union of printers at Charleston, the editor of this paper wrote to Mr. White for the facts. Mr. White wrote a very frank reply and in it he said:

"I have been an employer of labor both in newspaper and other business for many years. I never had trouble with a man in my employ over wages, or any labor dispute in my life. The most touching and appreciated testimonial I ever received was from the printers in the State Journal office when I sold out last July. I believe it to be the truth when I say that every printer ever in my employ was my friend. We always paid the highest wages and commanded the best help. I believe in organized labor and frequently urged the organization of a typographical union in Parkersburg to save our establishment from cut-throat competition of other offices, where cheap labor was employed. I have always urged that the highest priced labor in the printing business was the best and cheapest in the end because the most efficient. My favorable views to organized labor are too well known to be successfully a ttacked in Parkersburg or among the printers living there.

"In December, 1897, Mr. J. J. Peterson, of Huntington, interested a number of Republicans including myself in an effort to buy out the two existing and starving Republican papers. Early in 1898 the purchases were consummated and I took some stock in the Mall-Tribune company and was elected a director. Mr. Peterson, who tion for governor. Having been a

per. Early in 1938 the purchase acconsummated and I took some stock in the Mail-Tribune company and was elected a director. Mr. Peterson, who was a large stockholder, was made manager and given sole authority to employ help, etc., on the condition that the office be made and maintained as a union office. I never would have anything to do with a non-union office in a union town. I was at Charleston a number of times during the first six months of 1898, while we were putting in linotype machines, etc., and adjusted several matters over which friction had arisen between the printers and the manager.

manager.

"There was no meeting of the directors that I know of in the fall and winter of 1898, prior to some time in January, 1899. I was not at Charleston in December, 1898, nor do I remember hearing of any threatened troubles at hearing of any threatened troubles at that time over a new scale submitted by the Typographical Union to all the employing printers of Charleston. It was not consulted and knew nothing of any friction. The political campaign of 1898 absorbed all my attention from July to November and, as secretary of the Republican state committee, was kept so busy after the November elec-tion in trying to thwart the efforts of the Democratic managers to steal the delegates in Taylor, Webster, Lewis,

tion in trying to thwart the efforts of the Democratic managers to steal the delegates in Taylor, Webster, Lewis, Roane. Monroe, and other counties, and looking after numerous recounts that I even neglected my own paper at Parkersburg for weeks at a time.

"About the thirtieth of December I went to Columbus, O., to spend New Years with my parents and on my return, January 2 or 3, was called up over the long-distance 'phone by Mr. Dawson and told of the unauthorized and unwarranted letter said to have been written by Mr. Peterson December 28, and the subsequent events and trouble between the manager and the union. Both Mr. Dawson and myself promptly repudiated Mr. Peterson's action and ly repudiated Mr. Peterson's action and

Both Mr. Dawson and myself promptly repudiated Mr. Peterson's action and harmony was restored. The new union scale had been signed by Mr. Peterson January I, I believe, but he had trouble with some of the men, declining to take one or two back. This trouble was adjusted to the satisfaction of the union and the Mail-Tribune is to-day, as it always had been, a union office. Subsequently Mr. Peterson resigned as manager and as soon as a new purchaser was secured he was relieved and the paper changed hands.

"If any corroboration of my position were needed, which was that of a stockholder, rather than of one having a voice in the management from July, 1898, to January, 1899, the accompanying statement from the leading officers of the Typographical Union at Charleston are sufficient, I trust, to absolve me from the charges made of being opposed to organized labor in any manner, for an unsigned typewritten letter purporting to have come from The Tribune Company, but of which the president and directors had no knowledge whatever. In conclusion I refer you to the following:"

International Typographical Union.

International Typographical Union. Office of Organizer Fourth District, Gazette Office, CHRLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 9, 1899.

CHRLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 9, 1899.

TO ALL CONCERNED:—It having come to my knowledge that reports are being circulated throughout the state to the effect that Hon. A. R. White, of Parkersburg, W. Va., is opposed to organized labor; said reports having their foundation in the fact that Charleston Typographical Union had some differences, about a year ago, with The Tribune Company, of this city, Mr. White being at that time a stockholder and director in said company, I deem it simple justice to Mr. White to make the following statement regarding that matter, from facts within my personal knowledge:

Some two years ago when Mr. White,

knowledge:
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Some two years ago when Mr. White,
William M. O. Dawson, J. J. Peterson
and others were negotiating for the
purchase of the Star-Tribune, the three
gentlemen named called at the office of
that paper to inspect the plant, and
during their stay in that office, the
question of wages came up, Mr. Peterson remarking that there was no necessity for paying the scale of prices impossible to ascertain the loss at this clime either in life or property. It is believed that many people are buried in the ruins, and some may still be all vertices and engineers have been sent from Naples to the scene of the accident.

BARGAINS to-day at DILLON, HANCHER & CO.'S.

less it is run as a union office." Mr. Dawson agreed with Mr. White, and the subject dropped. As to whether it was resumed later, I have no personal knowledge, but when The Tribune Company was organized and commenced business, it was as a union office. At the time of the occurrence above related, there were present, in addition to the three gentlemen first named, Mssrs. M. B. Reber, Rufus A. Reber, and myself.

During Mr. Peterson's management of The Tribune Company, there were frequent misunderstandings between himself and the Typographical Union, all of which were adjusted satisfactorily, Mr. White on several occasions upholding the union as against the manager.

lly, Mr. White on several occasions apholding the union as against the manager.

In December of last year, the union presented to the several proprietors of the printing offices in the city a new scale of prices, to go into effect on January 1, 1899, the old scale expiring on December 31, 1898. Mr. Peterson, without consulting his fellow-stock-holders, declined to sign the scale, announced his intention of getting "rat" printers to take the place of the union men then employed, and advertised in the Cincinnati Enquirer for men to work in the Mail-Tribune establishment. In answer to that advertisement an applicant for a position received the following, typewritten, on the office stationary of the Tribune Company, which bore the names among others, of A. B. White, director, and James J. Peterson, manager:
CHARLESTON, Kanawha County, W. CHARLESTON, Kanawha County, W. Va., December 28, 1898.

Your letter to Employer, Enquirer

Your letter to Employer, Enquirer Office:
What wages do you wan?? Are you absolutely sober and reliable? You must be non-union to the core to work for us. We don't want you to come here and "monkey" with the union. We have no object to this union, and we want to run our own business. Can you come at once if we wire you to come? We will wire you about next Saturday, if we want you, and all is satisfactory. Write immediately, answering the above questions.
Yours truly,
The TRIBUNE COMPANY.
The above letter was printed in fac-

The above letter was printed in fac-simile in the West Virginia Herald on the Sunday following its date, and the evidence brought out in the investiga-tion which followed proved conclusive-ly that the first knowledge any other stockholder of the Tribune Company had of the action taken by Mr. Peterstockholder of the Tribune Company had of the action taken by Mr. Peter-son was after the publication of this

had of the action taken by Mr. Peterson was after the publication of this letter.

As a member of the exècutive committee of Charleston Typographical Union, I was present at the several conferences held with Mr. Peterson, Mr. Dawson and others interested, in the effort to settle the difficulty arising from the action of Mr. Peterson, and can state positively that at no time during the negotiations was Mr. White in favor of any action but that of sustaining the union in its position, and finally, after exhausting his powers of persuasion on Mr. Peterson, instructed Mr. Dawson, (who with himself held a majority of the stock) to notify Mr. Peterson to sign the scale at once, and reinstate the union men formerly employed in the Mail-Tribune office. In the event of Mr. Peterson's refusal to do so, Mr. Dawson was to take charge of the office himself, and conduct it until such time as a new manager could be secured.

In view of these facts (which are well known here, and can be amply corroborated) it is utterly absurd to accuse Mr. White of being antagonistic to organized labor, or of being in any way cognizant of or implicated in the action arose between his company and its employes, during his connection with The Tribune Company, showed that he was a staunch friend of organized labor.

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This explanation is due him as a gen Into explanation is due him as a gentiforman who is evidently being maligned by those who desire to accomplish their own selfish ends even at the cost of the reputation of another, and I take pleasure in making this statement of the case, with the details of which I think no one is more familiar than myself. myself.

than myself.
[Signed.] L. A. FRASER,
Organizer International Typographical
Union, District of Virginia, West
Virginia and North Carolina.
I heartily concur in the above statement and from personal contest with

ment, and from personal contact with the Tribune case, I know that the facts therein stated are correct. [Signed.] JOHN R. FOSTER, President of Charleston Typographical ENVELOPE FACTORY BURNED

Together With Other Concerns. More Than 300 Girls Out. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The six story brick building at 134-136 William street,

was gutted by fire to-day, and the ad-joining structures, at 132 and 138, were damaged considerably. The fire resulted in a loss of about \$80,000. The burned building, which was ninety years old, was occupied by the Berlin Envelope Company, whose loss is estimated at \$55,000. The building at 132 William street, was occupied by

Henry Allen, wholesale druggist, whose oss is \$10,000. No. 138 was occupied by Thurston & Bradish, importers of gun whose loss is \$15,000. More than 300 girls employed by the envelope company, will be thrown out

MRS. POTTER PALMER

To be Appointed a Director of the Paris Exposition.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Louise Mann, secretary of the Woman's National Auxiliary to the Blue and Gray Legion, has received a letter from President McKinley, saying that Mrs. Potter Palmer will be appointed director of the American woman's department at the Paris exposition. auxiliary had sent a communication to Washington, asking that Mrs. Palmer

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